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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 4/27/07  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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[0001] Applicant submits herewith a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, declaring that the claimed invention was conceived prior to May 12, 2003, the effective filing date of U.S. Publication No. US2004/0243543 to Jeffrey Snover (hereinafter, the "Snover Publication"). Therefore, the Snover Publication is not a valid reference under 35 U.S.C. 102. Accordingly, the § 102 rejections of claims 1-11 and 13-23 are moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that such rejections be withdrawn.